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In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

- 5. (Previously presented) A lateral diffused metal oxide semiconductor (LDMOS) integrated device comprising:
 - a semiconductor substrate;
- a drain region of a first conductivity type adjacent said semiconductor substrate and comprising a superficial buffer region being more heavily doped than adjacent portions of said drain region;
- a body region completely surrounded on a bottom and_ sides thereof by said buffer region and having a second conductivity type; and
- a source region in said body region and having the first conductivity type.
- 6. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 5 wherein said drain region has a depth of about 1.5 to 4.5 micrometers.
- 7. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 5 wherein the portions of said drain region adjacent said superficial buffer region have a dopant concentration of about 2.5×10^{15} to 2.5×10^{16} atoms cm⁻³.

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- 8. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 5 wherein said superficial buffer region has a depth of about 0.15 to 0.45 micrometers.
- 9. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 5 wherein said superficial buffer region has a dopant concentration of about 5×10^{16} to 5×10^{17} atoms cm⁻³.

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- 10. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 5 wherein said body region has a depth of about 0.25 to 0.75 micrometers.
- 11. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 5 wherein said body region has a dopant concentration of about 5×10^{17} to 5×10^{18} atoms cm⁻³.
- 12. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 5 wherein said drain region is doped with phosphorous; and wherein said body region is doped with boron.
- 13. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 5 wherein said drain region is doped with boron; and wherein said body region is doped with phosphorus.
- 14. (Previously presented) A lateral diffused metal oxide semiconductor (LDMOS) integrated device comprising:
 - a semiconductor substrate;
- a drain region of a first conductivity type adjacent said semiconductor substrate and comprising a superficial

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buffer region being more heavily doped than adjacent portions of said drain region;

said superficial buffer region having a dopant concentration of about 5×10^{16} to 5×10^{17} atoms cm⁻³ and the adjacent portions of said drain region having a dopant concentration of about 2.5×10^{15} to 2.5×10^{16} atoms cm⁻³;

- a body region completely surrounded on a bottom and_ sides thereof by said superficial buffer region and having a second conductivity type; and
- a source region in said body region and having the first conductivity type.
- \$15.\$ (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 14 wherein said drain region has a depth of about 1.5 to 4.5 micrometers.
- 16. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 14 wherein said buffer region has a depth of about 0.15 to 0.45 micrometers.
- 17. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 14 wherein said body region has a depth of about 0.25 to 0.75 micrometers.
- 18. (Original) The LDMOS integrated device of Claim 14 wherein said body region has a dopant concentration of about 5×10^{17} to 5×10^{18} atoms cm⁻³.

19-25. (Withdrawn).

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